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In Memoriam

EARL R. THOMAS
1899 - 1968

On March 7, 1968 W2MM died of a heart attack. QCWA has lost a most dedicated and hard working member and president. Many members of QCWA attended the funeral services on March 8, with most of the QCWA board members in attendance. Earl, a Fellow of the IEEE, has served illustrious careers in the power utilities, military and amateur radio fields. Earl graduated MIT in 1922 and joined the United Electric Light & Power Co., one of the predecessor companies of the present Consolidated Edison Co., of N.Y. He held various engineering positions in the power transmission and distribution planning, underground cable design and associated operations for which he holds several patents. Earl's military career started as a reserve officer in the Army Signal Corps in 1922. During WWII he was assigned to the Army Air Force and served at Hq. Army Air Force. In 1945 he headed a U.S. mission to Europe in connection with the operational employment of radar controlled landing systems for aircraft. He retired as a Colonel USAF, in 1960. Earl's career in "Ham" radio started in 1912 and obtained his first amateur station license as 8KY. W2MM retired from Consolidated Edison in 1967, and was a charter

member of QCWA, and served as Vice President since 1959, he was also a member of ARRL, AFCEA, and ROA. Earl was buried in Williamsport, Penna., with his parents and grand parents. Earl went home.

HEADQUARTERS NEWS

A special meeting of the QCWA Board of Directors was held at the Engineers Club in New York City on April 3, 1968, because of the passing of our President, Earl R. Thomas, W2MM. The Board in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Sec 5 of the Constitution, unanimously elected Clarence Seid, W2KN/KV4AB, as President to fill the unexpired term of the late Earl Thomas. The Board also voted unanimously to elect Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS, as Vice-President, and Jack G. Anderson W2BJL/WA2ZZC as Director to fill the unexpired terms of Messrs Clarence Seid and Frank A. Gunther, respectively

Other important actions taken by the Board of Directors included:

(1) Application to be made to the FCC, in accordance with Sections 97.39 and 97.51 (a)(3) of the FCC Rules and Regulations, for the assignment to QCWA of W2MM, the call sign of our late President, Earl R. Thomas.

(2) To continue the study, initiated by our late President, W2MM, of ways and means to foster and encourage new or potential radio amateurs by, for example, providing educational opportunities and equipment means.

(3) To hold the 21st Annual Meeting at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York City on October 25, 1968.

(4) To utilize "Ham-ads" in QST and similar publications for publicizing QCWA

(5) QCWA to be represented by the General Manager and/or other officers at the Dayton Convention ; Western NY Hamfest Rochester, NY; New England ARRL convention at Swampscott, Mass; ARRL National Convention in San Antonio Texas, and the Baltimore Chapter dinner meeting during 1968 as coordinated by the President.



JACK G. ANDERSON

Our youngest Director Jack W2BJL also has had a fine career in Ham Radio, he played a leading role in establishment of USAFMARS in 1947, created KBAIR, started Radio Club at McClellan AFB. He has had many ham calls from many districts including KN6CB and DL4SY. A graduate of the University of Louisville in Chemical Engineering, with a BS from USAF Institute of Technology, and also attended Yale University in Aviation Engineering. He was vicepresident of Kollsman Instrument Corporation from 1961 to 1968 when he resigned and went with Kaman Corporation, in Hartford, Conn. As of 1st of April he became Corporate Vice President of Kaman Corp. He has applied for a W1 call and will be soon heard from Hartford. He has eight children, Oldest girl in College seven boys (one in college) Life member of QCWA; ARRL IEEE; IAS; AOA; and member of the Jumpsuit Net.



FRANK A. GUNTHER

W2ALS our new Vice-President needs no introduction as we have written about him in our newsletters, however, Frank started in ham radio over 48 years ago, and got 2ALS for his amateur station call sign. This was at the young age of 11 years, since that time his entire life has been devoted almost entirely to the Radio Industry. In 1925 at the age of 17, he was employed by Radio Engineering Labs., so thus began a career which has lasted 42 years with the same company. He is its oldest employee in years of service. He was elected president of REL in 1960. Two years later he was elected to the additional post of Executive Vice President of REL's parent organization Dynamics Corporation of America. During his career Frank was associated at various times with such outstanding radio pioneers as Armstrong, Pickard, Eastham, Beverage, and Hogan. Also among these friends should be included Raymond Heising and Alan Hazeltine. Frank has maintained his avid interest in ham radio, and today he can still be heard almost nightly on the ham bands, and he has just completed the erection on his property of the original 80 foot steel tower used by Major Armstrong in the latter's first experiments in FM. Frank belongs to many organizations, among which are: A Fellow of IEEE, Director of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Asso., Past president and fellow of the Radio Club of America; Life member of QCWA; Member National Industry Advisory Committee to the FCC; President and Director of the Armstrong Memorial Research Foundation; Charter and life member of ARRL; During WWII founder and commanding officer of the Staten Island Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.



L to R; W3LNX, W4GF, W4ZM, W3IWX
XYL-W3IWX



Baltimore Chapter April 6 1968

Members of Baltimore Chapter
enjoying the fun

CHAPTER NEWS

SOUTHERN CALIF.

The spring dinner-meeting will be held on Saturday Evening April 20th 1968 at Harlow's Restaurant, 19710 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. And for those who like to plan ahead, their fall dinner-meeting will be held at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach on Saturday evening October 19th, 1968. W6IL its secretary has been a very busy recruiter sending in applications of new members regularly. He reports a change in their Chapter Net frequency, they now meet on 3917Kcs at 9:30AM every Sunday local time.

NORTHERN CALIF

On January 27, 1968 this chapter held a very fine meeting with many members attending. 50 year awards were given to W6FAR K6JG K6GY K6CP K6MG W6US W6PRD W6AAV W6NS and W6FS. Pictures elsewhere in this issue. Also news has been received that Russ Estep W6AUC past chairman of Norcal Chapter has been presented the Redwood City-San Carlos-Belmont Board of Realtors "Golden Rule Award" for his dedication and unselfish devotion to community service activities. He was specially acclaimed for his work in assisting servicemen in the Pacific to contact their families thru the use of his Ham set. Every evening Russ runs phone patches to bring families together again for a short while. Good luck Russ.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

W7OS "Doc" reports that the Northwest Chapter will hold their Annual Meeting in Tacoma, Wash., on June 9th and 10th, 1968 at the Holiday Motor Motel Inn. Those who planning their vacation around this time, should consider attending this meeting as it will be quite an affair. This of course means members and XYL's. The program to be presented will appeal to everybody. The Chairman has requested the National to send a representative to this meeting, but the work load here, what with the new yearbook coming out soon, and the preparatory work involved, makes it impossible to send any one this year.

MID-CONTINENT CHAPTER

W0UQV reports that their meeting held on March 1 1968 at the Hereford House in Kansas City. The feature of the evening was the guest speaker, Bob Denniston, Pres of ARRL. Bob delivered a very interesting speech on ham activities in general and also presented some slides of his overseas trip. Also attending were W0GQ, and W0NL ARRL Director and Vice Director from Iowa. There seems to be a great deal of interest in the QCWA in that area and in the new QCWA chapter there. The secretary reports they are a long way from getting their banner (need 50 members) but he thinks they are stepping fairly lively in that direction. Don Meserve W0WYK extends his Chapters greetings to all the members.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER

The 11th Annual QCWA Washington Chapter Banquet was held at the Washingtonian Country Club, March 9 1968. 280 people were in attendance - scores of notables in the audience - the presence of many ARRL directors and officials in Washington and available for the banquet - was a stroke of Robinson luck, the outgoing chairman. Also the tremendous good fellowship evident at this "Old Timers Night". The speech of Bob Denniston (My is he busy) ARRL president and the presence of so many ladies made this really a gala affair. Too many notables to list herein but Bob Denniston presented Mr. Rosel Hyde FCC Chairman with the 4,000,000 copy of the ARRL handbook. Mr. Denniston spoke of the need for incentive licensing, the promotion of amateur radio thru IARU, visitations to foreign countries, the giving of gear to undeveloped countries and other amateur work. The new Chapter officers were then introduced; Chairman Bill Grenfell, Col. Van Duesen Vice chairman, Elizabeth Zandonini Secretary/treasurer and Frank M. Kratokvil Correspondent.

DAYTON OHIO CHAPTER

Those who missed the Mid Winter dinner meeting let us say it was a dandy. The excellent presentation by Mr. Ludlow Hallman WA8RSS, on the "Early Days of Aircraft radio" will long be remembered. They had a fine turnout and is indicative of the enthusiasm the senior hams in Southwestern Ohio have for these meetings. Thanks were extended to Doc Self W8FYR for his prize contributions which measurably boosted the treasury. (Good ole Doc)

GATOR CHAPTER

Hal WA4FIU reports that there is going to be a Hamfest in Orlando April 27 and it will meet there, expecting a fair number of requests for membership applications. Hal reports that the Gator chapter had a very fine meeting at McDill AFB on March 23 62 members were in attendance, stage, too, had a fine luncheon and a trip out on the flight apron. General T. J. Conway W4E11 a member of QCWA was the host.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Romeo K6YRF reports the chapter held their meeting on Feb 25th, at Jacks Steak House Vacation Village, Mission Bay. 34 were in attendance. Plans for a picnic were made at this for sometime in the summer. Exact date will be announced.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

Col Brown W5KMF secretary of the chapter reports that he is sorry that contact with this chapter has been delinquent but apparently correspondence has gotten into the wrong basket. Just before Christmas of 1968 the chapter held its annual meeting at Kitt Peak Observatory near Tucson. Election of officers placed Ralph Doggett K7RKF and Col Shannon W5KMF in the Chairman and secy-treas chairs respectively. After a very fine picnic lunch the group made a conducted tour thru the Observatory which was extremely interesting. Three members participated in the Arizona RACES alert during the Christmas week when Arizona was snow bound and practically communication-less. In token of appreciation for outstanding work and voluntary services, each received a personal letter of commendation from Gov. Jack Williams and a certificate of public service also signed by the Governor. The members of the chapter meet on 3933KHZ every Sunday morning at 0900 Hours MST.

AKRON OHIO CHAPTER

This is a new chapter organized March 20, 1968. Eleven members attended the first meeting and all signed the petition for a charter, which has been sent to them. The officers of the new chapter are: K8GRO Chet Rataski Chairman, W8EXI Jim Trutko Vice chairman and W8FGV Frank Platner Secy-treas.

HARRISBURG CHAPTER

Another new chapter organized March 1, 1968, with its first meeting held in Camp Hill, Pa. At this meeting Dan Leibersperger W3JXQ was elected chairman and Hank Manning W3ND was elected vice chairman and Bill Bell the hard working secretary (W3AQC) The Anthracite Chapter has invited the Harrisburg Chapter members to their spring meeting and ladies nite to be held at Reynolds, Pa, Shimers Hotel April 20th. Twentytwo names were on the petition for a charter.

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS CHAPTER

This chapter was organized February 29th 1968, a meeting was held on that date, and 14 members signed a petition for a charter. It was agreed to hold regular quarterly meetings during the year on the first Thursday of the month. Officers elected to serve for one year were; Chairman W5ABQ, Vice Chairman W5BE Secy-treas W5EDX. Frank Jordan W5EDX expects that during the convention in June it is expected that many more will join this newly organized chapter in Texas. There will be a breakfast 7:30 Sunday AM of QCWA and QOTC. Please register at the table when you arrive in the hotel, breakfast will be on June 9th.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Many members are writing to the secretary W2PF for information pertaining to stamps, applications, buttons etc. This is needless time wasting. The official address of QCWA Inc, is 1417 Stonybrook Avenue, Mamaroneck, N.Y. 10543, now there is no harm in writing to the secretary for any other topics you may wish to discuss, but when ordering for any services, it quicker if you write to the above address..... On one Sunday AM I was on the Del-Valley chapter net of 3810Kcs, just about a half Kc above were K3 and a W3, who were aksed by the net control to move just a bit more in order that the net can continue, these two were not too friendly and would not move so the net control moved up a few Kcs...What were the K3 and W3 doing? why they were running phone patches from 0945 thru 1010AM, and then were chit chatting about nothing, Phone patches between Tunkhannock, Pa and New Albany Pa yet! tch tch Saturday April 6 I visited the annual meeting of the Baltimore chapter and presented them with their new banner, having 50 members or more, it was a very fine affair and the members and their ladies had a fine time. Bill Grenfel and Ed Redington were there also.....The chapter moved to reduce dues from #3 to \$2 per year, as their treasury was in fine shape. Ed W4ZM gave a very fine talk about the U.S. Coast Guard and a film was shown.....And oh, mustnot forget W3IN Don McLenon for the outstanding job he did on the report for the 1968 QSO Party.....Also please.... when sending in change of address include the ZIP CODE...



Nor. Calif Chapter
50 year certificates to L to R;
W6AAV K6MG W6US W6NS W6FS



Nor Calif Chapter
W6AUC turning over gavel
to new Chairman W6LL



Front to rear
W0WYK W0NWX K00YQ W0GQ W0NL
Mid Continent Chapter Dinner



W0WYK Pres Mid Continent Chapter
presenting W0HX with QCWA Pen



Officers of San Antonio Chapter
L to R: W5EDX W5ABQ W5BE



Charter Members San Antonio Chapter
Front row L to R; W5E0S W5BE W5ABQ
W5EDX Second row; W5E1S W5FZA W5EJT
W5KJ W5BGE W5FKR

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RESULTS OF 1968 QSO PARTY

97 logs were received by W3IN the chairman of the QCWA party for 1968. W4BGO is the winner with 246 QSO's for a total score of 10,332. There were big QCWA nets of W6's, Ohio, Northwest, Gators, and smaller ones, which worked each other, and a favored few, but because of odd frequencies, were missed by most. It was suggested that meeting times and frequencies be published in the QCWA News Letters preceding next years party, a lot more fun and participation would result. This will be done. One chapter suggested that a local chapter award be given to the highest scoring chapter member to stimulate interest. I would like to hear from the chapters about this and publish in our newsletters. Total participation of members in this party was 611 members, quite a lot but should be more. Of a total of 60 multipliers, no one individual got more than 42. There were about 30 contacts made on 21Mc, and only 5 made on 28Mc. None were recorded as being made on RTTY. W3IN reports working 500 QCWA members in 45 states and 15 different countries. Since this party he has now contacted 793 members. Maybe QCWA should award certificates to those who work an X number of QCWA members, some thought will be given to this. An interesting side light or "Soap Box" comments received by W3IN is given here with: "W4BGO" New scoring system is a definite improvement - W8BUM/7 "Threw insulated wire into fir trees about 20 feet high" - W2OWL "I had a conflict of interest with YL/DW Contest. Some OM's contacted seemed incredulous at a 25 year licensed YL!" W8KMF "20 Meter beam stuck west and too cold for an old geezer lime to fix it!" W2CSQ/MM "Had a lot of fun working members from the Grace Line cruise ship Santa Luisa from Cartagena Columbia to near Cuba during Party when I was not on watch" I1ER "Conditions here poor, was looking for friends on 14, 21, 28Mc, and only found W4KJL. Hope next year to be more fortunate" VE3DU "It was interesting to note all the new 2 letter calls in this year's party" W6CLM "Enjoyed my first QCWA party very much. See you fellows again next year" W8HKT "Answered a CQ QCWA and it turned out to be a 13 year lad. He didn't know what was going on, but sure wanted to be in on it" All the members reported it was great fun and are looking forward to our next QSO Party in 1969. Here are the results: The first twenty in descending order:-

CALL	QSO's	MULT	SCORE	CALL	QSO's	MULT	SCORE
W4BGO	246	42	10332	W4KJL	110	34	3740
W3IN	189	40	7560	W3GN	107	33	3531
W9VZP	180	42	7560	W4TV	111	31	3441
W6IL	151	42	6342	W0CTW	97	32	3104
W5NW	161	38	6118	W8BE	103	30	3090
W5BOK	134	39	5226	W5PIJ	100	30	3000
W1DIT	144	35	5040	W2JB	98	30	2940
W9CAS	129	37	4773	W0CXN	99	29	2871
W1FHU	144	33	4752	W3ENK	98	28	2744
W3BIP	111	34	3774	VE1AE	90	30	2700

DX Participants were; G2GM; G8PL; I1ER; JA2JAA; KH6BB; KH6JQ; KL7CUK; KP4DCH; KV4AB; LU8BAJ; W2CSQ/MM; W2EYV/VP7; and Y03RF. Plaque this year will go to W4BGO plus a certificate of proficiency, also a certificate of proficiency to the Foreign station with greatest points; VE1AE.

PERSONALS

Tom Banks KP4CR would like to inform QCWA members that he handles phone patches for San Juan area in Porto Rico, and can be found on 21442KHZ weekdays 6 to 7 PM. Sundays 8:30 to 11 AM and Sat and Sun evenings 5 to 7:30PM. All times EDT.

David Talley W2PF QCWA Secretary, was just elected Director of the Radio Club of America. W2PF has been a Fellow of this club for a number of years. He was also serving as one of the three judges for the First Annual Contest of the best Ham publications submitted by members of the Amateur Radio News Service(ARNS)

K4DI - Jerry Martin is on a two months vacation trip to Africa and the Mediterranean areas. He recently visited EA8FM; Canary Islands, and worked a number of the gang.

W2IK (xW2ETV) reports retiring from GE after 40 years of service. He and XYL are taking a month or so trip to the west coast, and upon return expect to sell their home in Syracuse area, and probably settle in the Albany-Schenectady area. Maybe he will work hard again and start a new chapter in that area.

SILENT KEYS

K1GAD	Capt Charles M. Kelly Jr	W4LC	Herbert A. Morris
W2LG	William H. Bauer	W6CVL	J. R. Hossock
W2MM	Earl R. Thomas	WA6NSD	D. L. Sprague
W3AB	Alfred B. Goodall	W6SRJ	Don McCoy
W3MO	Don G. Harmer	W9SFG	L. E. Foltz
W4AW	T. A. Sprink		

Our last newsletter listed W6CRY as SK, this was in error.

Life members since our last newsletter:

W2CB W2IK W3CO W4TB W5EJN W5FHN W6KRZ W6QP WA6QWN W7GYB
W8DGD W8UWA

In our next newsletter we will have a story about W4DKJ and his
transceiver built 25 years ago.

Just a little space left so lets think about this:

Bite off more than you can chew
and chew it
Plan for more than you can do
and do it.

73 W2JE

NET CONTROL STATIONS OF CENTRAL NEWYORK, NEWENGLAND, AND DELAWARE VALLEY
CHAPTERS: May I suggest we use 3917Kcs for these three nets. Starting
Sept 1, 1968. Please drop me a line...W2JE

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